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### **ALOHA UNITED WAY 2-1-1 ACTIVATED FOR REPORTING OF HONSHU TSUNAMI DAMAGE**

**Honolulu** – Hawaii State Civil Defense officials are encouraging people whose property, home or business, including recreational boaters, was damaged by the tsunami that struck the Hawaiian Islands early Friday, March 11, 2011, to report any losses through Aloha United Way's 2-1-1 information and referral service. 2-1-1 operators will record damage reports and refer them to the proper agencies. The 2-1-1 line is taking calls Monday through Friday, 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

"We will follow up with the reports we receive through 2-1-1," said Vice Director of Civil Defense Ed Teixeira. "Although the damage sustained in Hawaii is not as dramatic as what was experienced in Japan, there are still people here that need help to get back on their feet."

Accurate reporting of disaster damage is crucial to the State recovery effort and will aid efforts to maximize supplemental federal assistance if it becomes available. Please report your damages and losses from the Honshu tsunami even if you are already engaged in repair and cleanup work. Civil Defense also recommends documentation of any damages as well as the costs associated with repairs you have already done.

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